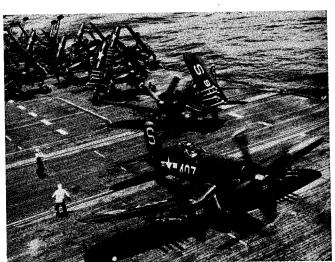


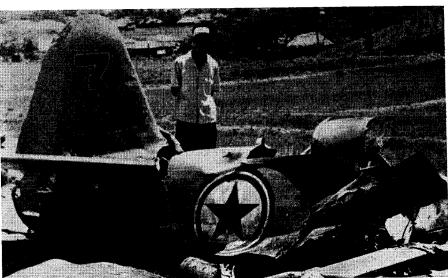
Tools of war go west! F9F Panthers are loaded aboard CV Philippine Sea at San Diego for transportation to the Korean war zone



Navy Corsairs loaded with eight HVAR rockets prepare to take off and hit North Korean positions in close support of our soldiers

First naval aviator shot down by Korean AA, Lt. (jg) Muncie was saved by British carrier

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South Korean soldiers look at North Korean YAK-9 propellered fighter, shot down near Suwon; note red star insigne on white field, with red and green rings; an F-80 made the kill



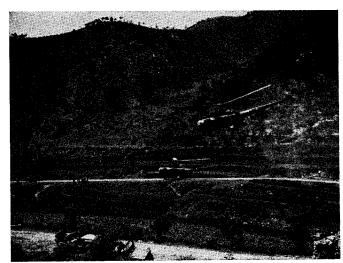
Bomb trailer load of HVAR 5" rockets soon will be loaded on the wings of F9F jets, Skyraiders and Corsairs to hit targets of Reds



Seventh Fleet 20 mm antiaircraft gunners polish up their marksmanship at sea, even though fleet thus far has no air opposition



Wounded Marine in carrier on helicopter gets plasma transfusion while he awaits evacuation; carrier cover is on ground to left



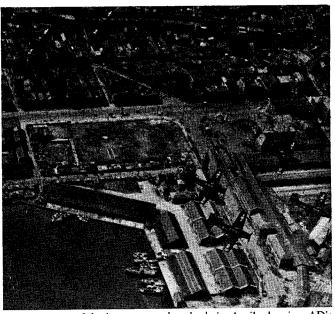
Two Marine helicopters in Korean hill terrain evacuate wounded fighters; handy pinwheels can go anywhere and do myriad of jobs

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Naval aviation is playing a big part in the Korean fighting, with jet *Panthers* teaming up with F4U's and AD's to furnish close air support to Army and Marine ground troops. Operating from carriers close offshore, the planes also range far behind the North Korean lines to find targets, hitting bridges, factories producing war materials, railroad trains, trucks and tanks.

Marines went to Korea with their own HO3S-1 helicopters to evacuate wounded men from the battle front, the first time in warfare that this has been done. Many lives have been saved by this new technique of fast evacuation. The pinwheels are a big morale booster.

Although few photographs were received in the U. S. from our carrier forces in the Pacific the first two months of the war, those on these pages show that the flattops have been busy rushing planes to the warfront, supporting ground troops and hammering the Reds wherever they could be found, day and night.



When this peaceful picture was taken back in April, showing AD's off Boxer over Pusan, now major war objective, things were quiet



Rockets from carrier-based planes blast a factory in North Korean zone during strike



Rocket-firing Navy fighters set fire to a train in Korea, smoke indicates it had oil



Novy pilots hunting rear-area targets hit big railroad bridge near the 38th parallel